

## **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES \*NEW\* 2014 HB408**

To become a valid write-in candidate for a state office, county office or local school board position, an individual must file a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy no later than ***\*60 days before the regular general election, September 5, 2014.***

Candidates for statewide offices must file the declaration in person with the Lt Governor's Office. All other state office candidate's may file the declaration in person either with the county clerk in their county of residence or with the Lt Governor's Office. Local candidates must file their declaration in person with the county clerk in their county of residence.

Write-In Candidates must meet the qualifications required for the state or local office they are seeking and pay the filing fee.

Filing the Declaration of Write-In Candidacy means that write-in votes for the candidate will be counted. The candidate's name will not appear on the ballot.

***\*This bill also requires a space on the ballot for a write-in candidate only if a write-in candidate is qualified for the election.***

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